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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/555,139

Filing Date: December 13, 2000

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Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: J. E. Graser

Attorney Docket Number: 1975.0024-00

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [Date] _____.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed:

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time (Three Months)

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

- i. ☒ \$750.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (Three Months) \$930.00
- iii. ☒ Other 4 additional dependent claims (\$72.00)

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1752.00 enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

In reply to the Final Office Action of January 15, 2003, the period for response being extended to July 15, 2003 by the accompanying petition and fee, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and continued examination of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants file herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 to ensure entry of this Amendment and to expedite allowance.

This Amendment appears in the revised format allowed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office according to the notice appearing on the PTO website at:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/revamdtprac.htm>.

Deletions appear in ~~strike through font~~, and additions are underlined.